

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

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This weekly seminar will meet throughout the year of internship. This seminar includes didactic sessions covering a range of topics relevant to psychological development and practice including areas as ethical concerns, multicultural/diversity topics, GLBT issues, supervision, licensure, empirically based treatments, and other career development issues. Interns will have opportunities to present on a chosen area of interest in diversity and facilitate group discussion. They will also have an opportunity to present a clinical research in an area of interest. Throughout the seminar, recent journal publications relevant to professional development will be made available for review and discussion. Learning objectives include developing additional knowledge and skills in targeted areas of practice, understanding the role of cultural diversity and gender variables in practice issues, and developing the identity and skills of a professional psychologist.

Overview of topics:

- Mock Interviews
- "To Postdoc or Not to Postdoc"
- Psychopharmacology
- Licensure & Loan Repayment
- Taking the Licensing Exam
- Ethics (Ongoing various topics)
- Dealing with Assaultive Behaviors
- Competency Assessments
- Prescription Privileges
- Wyatt vs Stickney (1972)
- Belonging to Professional Organizations
- Diversity: Intern Facilitated Discussions on Areas of Interest (multiple sessions)
- Working with the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and Transgender Patient
- Personal Account of WWII POW
- Private Practice – feasibility of balancing VA career and practice
- Supervision and Multicultural Trust/Mistrust
- Psychotherapy with African-Americans
- Hypnosis
- Audio-Visual Feedback Therapy and Implications
- Reality of Being a Psychologist
- Substance Abuse
- Future Employment Trends